An ABSTRACT of the

New FORM OF PRAYER,

To be used on *Friday* the 16th Day of *February*, 1759.

Being the Day appointed by Proclamation

FOR A

GENERAL FAST AND Humiliation before Almighty GOD,

For obtaining Pardon of our Sins, and for averting those heavy Judgments, which Our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of His Majesty by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity, to Himself, and to His Kingdoms

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The Order for Morning Prayer.

Which Service is to be the ſame in all things as uſed on Holidays, except as hereafter.

Theſe Sentences of Scripture.

O Lord correct me, but with Judgment, not in thine Anger, leſt thou bring me to nothing.

I will ariſe, and go to my Father, and will ſay unto him, Father, I have ſinned againſt Heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy Son.

¶ The Exhortation, *Dearly beloved*, &c.

¶ Inſtead of the *Venite*, this Hymn.

THE Sacrifice of God is a troubled Spirit: a broken and contrite Heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

I ſaid. I will confeſs my Sins unto the Lord: and ſo thou forgaveſt the Wickedneſs of my Sin.

I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength: the Lord is my ſtony Rock and my Defence; my Saviour, my God, the Horn alſo of my Salvation, and my Refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praiſed: ſo ſhall I be ſafe from mine Enemies.

For this ſhall every one that is Godly, make his Prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayeſt be found.

Thou art my King, O God: ſend help unto Jacob.

For I will not truſt in my Bow: it is not my Sword that ſhall help me.

But it is Thou that ſaveſt us from our Ene-

mies, and puteſt them to confuſion that hate us.

the Destruction of an Host: neither is any mighty Man delivered by much Strength.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my strong hold: my God, in him will I trust.

Whoso dwelleth under the Defence of the Most High, shall abide under the Shadow of the Almighty.

He shall defend thee under his Wings: and thou shalt be safe under his Feathers: his Faithfulness and truth shall be thy Shield and Buckler.

Thou art a place to hide me in; Thou shalt preserve me from Trouble: Thou shalt compass me about with Songs of Deliverance.

My time is in thy Hand: deliver me from the Hand of mine Enemies.

O save thy People, and give thy blessing to thine Inheritance: feed them, and set them up for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his People: the Lord shall give his People, the Blessing of Peace.

Glory be to the Father, *&c.*

¶ PSALMS, xxv. xxvii. xlvi.

1 Lesson, *Isaiah* lviii.

¶ *We praise thee, O God,* &c.

2d Less. St. *Mat.* x. from ver. 24, to ver. 40.

¶ *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,* &c. *so to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

Priest. O Lord, shew thy Mercy upon us.
Answ. *And grant us thy Salvation.*
P. O Lord, save the King.

A. *And mercifully hear us, when we call upon Thee.*

P. Endue thy Miniſters with Righteouſneſs.

A. *And make thy choſen People joyful.*

P. Give Peace in our Time, O Lord.

A. *Becauſe there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.*

P. O Lord, ſave thy Servants;

A. *Who put their Truſt in Thee.*

P. Send us help from thy holy Place.

A. *And evermore mightily defend us.*

P. Let the Enemy have no Advantage againſt us;

A. *Nor the Wicked approach to hurt us.*

P. Lord, hear our Prayer.

A. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Theſe two Collects to be us'd inſtead of the firſt Collect for Morning Prayer.

O Almighty GOD, who ruleſt over all the Kingdoms of the Earth, and on whoſe moſt gracious Providence they depend evermore for Preſervation and Proſperity; Extend thine undeſerved Goodneſs to the People of this Land; fill us with unfeigned Repentance for our Forgetfulneſs of thy Sovereign Dominion; that looking up to Thee as the ſupreme Anthor of all Bleſſings, and our only Safeguard and Deliverer in all Dangers and Difficulties, we may become fit Objects of Thy watchful Care and Protection; guide us, we beſeech thee continually with thy Counſel, ſtrengthen us with Thy powerful Arm, and crown

our neceſſary Oppoſition to the unjuſt Attempts of our Enemies with perpetual Succeſs, though our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

O LORD God of our Salvation in whoſe Hands are the Iſſues of Life and Death, of good and Evil, and without whoſe Aid the wiſeſt Counſels of frail Men, and the Multitude of an Hoſt, and all the Inſtruments of War are but weak and vain; Incline Thine Ear, we pray Thee, to the earneſt and devout Supplications of thy Servants; who, not confiding in their own Strength, or Wealth, or Wiſdom, or any human Aid, moſt humbly have Recourſe unto Thee, O LORD, for Succour, and put their Truſt under the Shadow of Thy Wings. Go forth with our Fleets and Hoſts: Be to us a Tower of Defence againſt the Aſſaults of our Enemies, our Shield and Buckler in the Day of Battle; and ſo bleſs the Arms of our gracious SOVEREIGN, in the Maintenance of His juſt and lawful Rights, and the Advancement of the Welfare of His Kingdoms, that we being preſerved by Thy Help and Goodneſs from all Perils and Diſaſters, and made happily triumphant over all the diſturbers of our Peace, may joyfully laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; and ſerve Thee from Generation to Generation in all Godlineſs and Quietneſs, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The ſecond Collect for Peace.*

¶ *The third Collect for Grace.*

¶ *Then followeth the Litany.*

¶ At the End of the Litany, immediately after the Collect [*We humbly beſeech thee, &c.*] ſhall this be added.

O LORD, we beſeech Thee, mercifully hear our Prayers, and ſpare all thoſe who confeſs their Sins unto Thee: that they, whoſe Conſciences by Sin are accuſed, by thy merciful Pardon may be abſolved, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the People to repeat the following after the Miniſter.*

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to Thy People, Who turn to Thee in Weeping, Faſting, and Praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of Compaſſion, Long-Suffering, and of great Pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve Puniſhment, and in Thy Wrath thinkeſt upon Mercy. Spare Thy People, good Lord, ſpare them, and let not Thine Heritage be brought to Confuſion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy Mercy is great; and after the Multitude of Thy Mercies look upon us, through the Merits and Mediation of Thy Bleſſed Son, Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD moſt good and powerful, we Thy ſinful People here aſſembled before thee, do acknowledge it thine unſpeakable Mercy, that for our manifold and heinous Provocations we are not utterly

consumed, and given over for a Prey to the Enemy and Avenger. We confess with Sorrow and Confusion, our long Unfruitfulness under the means of Grace, the Light of Thy Gospel, and the many wonderful Deliverances of this Church and State, which Thou in Thy great Goodness hast vouchsafed unto us. Give us, we pray Thee, a still deaper Sense of our Guilt and Unworthiness. Shouldest Thou, O Lord, enter into Judgment with us for the crying Sins of this Nation, our Prophaneness and Infidelity, Heresies and Schisms, our gross Impurities, and other manifold Offences, Thou mightest justly inflict upon us the Severity of Thy Wrath, and deliver us up to the Reproaches and Insults of our Enemies; but there is Mercy with Thee, therefore shalt thou be feared: Thou art the Lord God, tender and full of Compassion, not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent and live. Look down, therefore, we beseech Thee, with an Eye of Pity and loving Kindness upon Thy Servants, who with broken and contrite Hearts, do here bewail our Transgressions and Wretchedness. Let our Land, in this Time of Trouble, still enjoy the light of Thy Countenance, and the Blessings of Thy bountiful Hand; teach us to ascribe all our Successes to thy unmerited Blessing; cause our Losses and Disappointments to work together for our Good; and so influence our Minds by the gracious Operations of thy holy Spirit, that

being turned from the Error of our Ways, and created to Newneſs of Life, we may walk before Thee in all Righteouſneſs and Holineſs in this World, and inherit Thine everlaſting Kingdom in that which is to come, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *Prayer in Time of War and Tumults.*

¶ *Then that for the High Court of Parliament.*

¶ *The General Thankſgiving*

¶ *A Prayer of St. Chryſoſtom.*

The Bleſſing.

The COMMUNION Service.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* [Almighty God, whoſe Kingdom is everlaſting] *ſhall be read the two Collects, as in the Morning Prayer.* Pag. 4, and 5.

¶ O Almighty God, &c.

¶ O Lord God, &c.

The Epiſtle, Epheſ. vi ver. 10.

The Goſpel, St. Luke, xiii. ver. 1.

¶ *Then the Creed, I belive in one God,* &c.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the Sermon.*

¶ *The Prayer for the whole State of Chriſt's Church Militant here in Earth.*

¶ *Then the following Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.*

BLESSED Lord, who at ſundry Times and in divers Manners haſt manifeſted Thine abundant Favour to theſe Realms, in Thy marvellous Protection of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, from the ſecret Conſpiracies, and open Attempts, of mali-

cious Enemies; We, adoring Thy glorious Majesty with all Praises and Thanksgivings for the same, beseech Thee to preserve evermore in our Minds such a lively Memory and grateful Sence, of these Thine invaluable Mercies, that by our exemplary and religious Use of them, and happy Improvements under them, to Thy Honour and Service, we may be accounted worthy of the Continuance of Thy Blessings to us and our Posterity. Take away from us, O Lord, all hardness of Heart, all Neglect of Thine Ordinances, and Contempt of Thy Word; and endue us with a Spirit of Piety and Devotion, a Spirit of Justice and Temperance, of Humility and Charity, and of all other Graces which adorn the Christian Profession; that so Thy dreadful Displeasure and Judgments may be ever averted from us, and Iniquity not become our Ruin. Be Thou pleased also, with Thine especial Favour, to guard and prosper our gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, with all the Royal Family. Be Thou to him, O Lord, an Helmet of Salvation against His Enemies that delight in War. Do Thou, we pray Thee, blast their wicked Designs, defeat their Stratagems, and so put them to Flight and Confusion before His Face, that the Terror of his Arms may bring safety to his Dominions and Allies; and the Conviction that thou fightest for him dispose the hearts of his Adversaries to Peace: Grant this, O merciful Father, for Jesus

Christ's Sake, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, World without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then this Prayer for the Reform'd Churches, and that following it for Unity.

O GOD, the Father of Mercies, who, of Thy great Goodness hast admitted us into Thy Holy Church, the mystical Body of Christ; we, as living Members thereof, mourning with them that mourn, and rejoicing with them that rejoice, do now present our Supplications and Prayers at the Throne of Grace, more especially in Behalf of all our Reformed Brethren; beseeching thee to make them perfect, stablish, strengthen them, that they may stand fast in the Liberty wherewith CHRIST hath made them free, and adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all Things; to preserve the Tranquility of those who at present enjoy it, and to look down with an Eye of Pity upon those, who are in Distress or Persecution on account of Thy most holy Religion. Suffer not unreasonable and wicked Men still to triumph over Thy Heritage. Plead Thy Cause with them that blaspheme Thy Truth, and persecute Thy People. Enlighten those who are in Darkness and Error, and give them Repentance to the Acknowledgement of the Truth; that all the Ends of the Earth may remember themselves, and be turned to the Lord, and we may all become one Flock, under the great Shepherd and Bishop of our

Souls, Jesus Christ, our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for Unity.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Look down in much Pity and Compassion upon this Church and Nation, now seeking unto Thee in Fasting and Prayer; and grant, we beseech Thee, that our Humiliation and Repentance may have that blessed Effect, that we may all cleanse ourselves from all Filthiness of Flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in Thy Fear. Give us Grace, O Lord, seriously to lay to Heart the great Dangers we are in by our unhappy Divisions. Take away all Hatred and Perjudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from Godly Union and Concord; that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all: So we may henceforth be all of one Heart and of one Soul, united in one holy Bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast promis'd to hear, &c.

The Blessing.

The Order for Evening Prayer.

The Sentences as in the Morning, *viz.*

O Lord, correct me, *&c.*

¶ *The Hymn appointed to be used at Morning Prayer, instead of the* Venite, *&c. shall here also be used before the proper Psalms.*

¶ PSALMS cxxi. cxxx. lxi.

1 Leſſon. 2 *Chron.* xx. to ver. 21.

¶ *My Soul doth magnify the Lord*, &c.

2d Leſſon, 1 Cor. x. to ver. 13.

¶ *Pſal.* LXVII. *God be merciful unto us*, &c.

Then the Creed to the end of the Lord's Prayer.

¶ *Then follow the Sentences us'd in the Morning Service of this Day* [Pag. 4.] viz.

P. O Lord, ſhew thy Mercy upon us,

A. *And grant us thy Salvation*, &c.

¶ *The two Collects us'd* (*as in the Morning* pag 4. and 5) *inſtead of the firſt Collect for the Evening Prayer*, viz.

O Almighty God, &c.

O Lord God of our Salvation, &c.

The ſecond Collect at Evening Prayer.

¶ *After the Collect* [Lighten our Darkneſs]

Turn thou us, O good Lord, &c.

O Lord moſt good and powerful, &c.

[as in Pag. 6, 7 and 8]

Then the other Prayers as uſual, to the end of the General Thankſgiving.

Then follows the Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.

Bleſſed Lord, who at ſundry times [Pag. 9]

After that the Prayer for the reformed Churches

O God the Father of Mercies, &c. Pag. 10.

¶ *The Prayer for Unity.*

O God the Father, &c. [Pag. 11]

¶ *A Prayer of St. Chryſoſtom.*

The Bleſſing.